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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii	
COUNTY: Honolulu	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Dillingham Transportation Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
735 Bishop Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE:  
Hawaii

CODE: 15 COUNTY: Honolulu CODE: 03

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Kauikeolani Children's Hospital

STREET AND NUMBER:  
226 N. Kuakini

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE:  
Hawaii

CODE: 15

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Bureau of Conveyances

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Tax Office Annex

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE:  
Hawaii

CODE: 15

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Old Honolulu

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Archives of Hawaii

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Iolani Palace Grounds

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dillingham Transportation Building is a four story Italian Renaissance concrete and concrete block structure with three connected wings. The first floor features an arcade that extends between the projecting wings. The cut stone arches span between massive rectilinear columns which support a classical, dentiled cornice creating a horizontal band surrounding the building. The columns extend above the cornice creating piers between a wrought iron hand rail and support classical concrete urns. The arcade roof is a simulated porch at the second floor level.

The main entry arch is flanked by rectilinear openings decorated with a twisted rope pattern. Above each of the openings is a medallion depicting a square rigged sailing ship and a modern (at the time of construction) steamship. The main entry at each of the other two projecting wings is a rectilinear opening with massive scrolls in terra cotta above.

The upper three floors are simple planes pierced by rectilinear window openings, the only break in the stucco finish being at the rusticated stone quoins. At the upper portion of the wall, below the eave, a frescoed frieze is punctured with circular attic vents with a wheel spoke design.

A Spanish tile roof in a hip form is supported at the eave overhang by exposed rafters. Between rafters the eave is painted with bright designs.

The entry lobby is a wonder of design and decoration. Multi-toned glazed brick in many patterns and textures create a unique floor covering with the center being concentric circles ending in a multi-pointed star. Walls are buff marble divided with stripes of gold mosaic tile strips and red marble. The ceiling consists of paneled beams with gold, black, green and red designs both on the beams and on the ceiling between, surrounded at the perimeter by a crown molding. Elevator doors are of "modernistic" designs cast in aluminum.

After this elaborate entry all other interior spaces are of simple business-like design. The first floor actually consists of the ground floor and a mezzanine floor.

Landscaping is minimal but tasteful in a small setback space between the building and sidewalks. Along the street a row of coconut palm trees overlook Bishop Street.

Currently, the building is in good repair and receiving adequate maintenance.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian: ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1929

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in memory of B. F. Dillingham (there is a plaque dedicated to him in the lobby), the building is named "transportation building" because at that time the Dillingham family was concerned with various types of transportation to and around Hawaii.

Located at the foot of Bishop Street, the building offers an outstanding gateway to the harbor. Its architectural value lies mostly in its scale, texture and quality.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0		"	0		"	21° 18' 38"	157° 51' 53"
NE	0		"	0		"		
SE	0		"	0		"		
SW	0		"	0		"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Robert M. Fox (Architect) and Dorothy Riconda (Historian)

ORGANIZATION

Hawaii Register of Historic Places  
Division of State Parks

DATE

Sept. 14, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

P. O. Box 621

CITY OR TOWN:

Honolulu

STATE

Hawaii

CODE

15

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey map, 7.5' series			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1959			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PHOTO CREDIT: Robert M. Fox			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Hawaii Register of Historic Places Division of State Parks, State of Hawaii			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Corner detail, Dillingham Transportation Building.			

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Dillingham Transportation Building, Bishop Street between Queen and Halekauwila Streets.			

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Front Arcade, Dillingham Transportation Building.			

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Lat. 21° 17' 30"  
Long. 157° 51' 30"